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1. THE USG WORKS WITH GUATEMALA ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MATTERS THROUGH ON-GOING PROGRAMS INCLUDING AID, ROCAP, AND BILATERAL ACTIVITIES OF US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (SUCH AS NOAA, NASA, FAA, EPA, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION). IN GUATEMALA, THE GREAT BULK OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IS CONDUCTED THROUGH PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY RELATED TO TRADE, INVESTMENT, AND OTHER COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

2. THE GLOBAL ISSUES AFFECTING GUATEMALA WILL RELATE TO BASIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, FARM PRODUCTIVITY, POPULATION, LIGHT INDUSTRY AND THE APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS. AS A LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRY, GUATEMALA IS UNLIKELY TO BE A CONTRIBUTOR OR INNOVATOR. IT WILL BE A BORROWER FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT 5--10 YEARS. THE PRESENT USG INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE PROBABLY SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE PERCEIVED REQUIREMENTS.

3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS THE POST'S JUDGMENT
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THAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASPECTS OF THE GLOBAL ISSUES WOULD NOT JUSTIFY ASSIGMENT OF A SPECIFIED SCIENCE ATTACHE OFFICER. THERE MAY BE UTILITY IN SHORT-TERM TRAINING FOR SOME OFFICERS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, IF THE RELEVANCE OF TRAINING CONTENT TO US POLICY OBJECTIVES IN A SMALL LDC CAN BE DEMONSTRATED.
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